

Weekly Activity Report: De Ellsberg, week ending 18 December

1. Meetings with Maj. Huan of Rural Construction Ministry; Jacobsen, Evans, Hare, Maynard of USOM; Sweet of IVS; to discuss programs for completing two "showplaces" in Saigon/Gia Dinh area before Tet.
2. Half-day visit to Phu Tho Hoa with Major Haugan, MACV Sector Advisor, Gia Dinh, to inspect housing development there; briefed there by Lt. Danh, Mike Rohla, Deputy Prov Rep, Mr. Dau and Mr. Phai of Rural Construction Ministry, and inspected site. (Memo to EGL)
3. Half-day visit to Eighth District, Saigon, with Mr. Liem, to be briefed on development projects there and tour the area; met briefly with Mr. Nhuan, district chief. (Memo to EGL).
4. Redrafted above memo into form to be given possibly to Lodge and/or Thang.
5. On instructions from Lansdale, had long discussion with Chadbourne on problem of reporting: redundancies in reporting and possibilities for consolidating and lightening the load on US officials in provinces; remaining inadequacies and biases in reporting. On Chadbourne's request for related written memos, gave him a copy of my Hau Nghia memo (after clearing with XO).